\$603,850 FEDERAL FUNDING AWARDED TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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DENVER – October 13, 2010 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing announced today that \$603,850 – made available through a federal grant – was awarded to 13 statewide community organizations to educate families about public health insurance, to inform and aid children and families in their community with health coverage options, and to assist current clients with re-enrollment.

The Department received a five-year, \$42 million grant from Health Resources and Services Administration, or HRSA, in September 2009. Colorado initiatives will lead to greater access to health care, increase positive health outcomes and reduce cost-shifting. The Maximizing Outreach, Retention and Enrollment, or MORE project, provided funding for the community grants. A second round of MORE grants will be released in fall 2010.

Awardees:

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Bright Beginnings	24,998.60
Chaffee County	16,444.00
Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved	19,817.00
Fremont County	18,862.48
Roaring Fork School District RE-1	15,000.00
Summit County Family Resource Center	24,975.00
Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion Clinic	68,334.00
Denver Children's Advocacy Center	78,710.60
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	77,914.28
Health District of Northern Larimer County	66,153.00
Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.	32,100.68
Mesa County	64,763.20
Family Voices Colorado	95,776.38

<u>Medicaid</u> is public health insurance for low-income families, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. Eligibility is based on income and family size.

Child Health Plan *Plus*, or <u>CHP+</u>, is low-cost health and dental insurance for Colorado children and pregnant women. It's for families that make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid but not enough to afford private insurance.

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for Colorado's low-income, elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the department, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

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